

HB 626 – AS INTRODUCED

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HOUSE BILL

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AN ACT prioritizing school building aid funds for a high school in which accreditation is probationary or has been revoked.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cloutier, Sull 10; Rep. Gagnon, Sull 5; Rep. Donovan, Sull 4; Rep. O'Hearne, Sull 3; Rep. Gorman, Hills 31; Rep. Ramsey, Hills 8; Sen. Pierce, Dist 5; Sen. Odell, Dist 8

COMMITTEE: Education

ANALYSIS

This bill requires the commissioner of the department of education to assign a higher priority to school building aid proposals submitted by a school district for a high school in which accreditation is in a probationary status or has been revoked by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struck through~~].
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Thirteen

AN ACT prioritizing school building aid funds for a high school in which accreditation is probationary or has been revoked.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 School Building Aid; Approval of Plans. Amend RSA 198:15-c, II(b) to read as follows:

2 (b) The commissioner of the department of education shall accept school building
3 construction proposals based upon completeness. The department of education shall consider and
4 score each proposal based on the following criteria:

5 (1) Unsafe conditions.

6 (2) Facilities not in compliance with the Americans With Disabilities Act, or obsolete,
7 inefficient, or unsuitable facilities or mechanical and building systems.

8 (3) Overcrowding and associated influences to instructional areas and programming.

9 (4) Enrollment projections and population shifts.

10 (5) Whether a school district has made a reasonable attempt to accommodate
11 maintenance activities including scheduled and unscheduled repairs, upkeep, minor alterations,
12 enhancements to buildings, and preventive maintenance necessary to achieve the design life
13 expectancy of building systems and components.

14 (6) A school district's fiscal capacity based on measurable criteria such as the
15 percentage of pupils eligible for free and reduced price meals.

16 (7) Any other criteria that the state board of education may determine are necessary.

17 ***Notwithstanding the score obtained pursuant to this subparagraph, the commissioner***
18 ***shall assign priority to those proposals submitted by a school district for the purpose of***
19 ***obtaining school building aid funds for a high school in which the accreditation by the***
20 ***New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) is in a probationary status or***
21 ***has been revoked.***

22 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect 60 days after its passage.